

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Topic: Travel Costs

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Senator McKenzie asked:

Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the cost per employee.

Answer:

Under FaHCSIA's Collective Agreement 2009-11, airline club membership can be provided to employees who are likely to travel regularly by air on FaHCSIA business (for example, 8 domestic trips per year, 4 domestic trips per year where travel involves extended travel time and connecting flights to or from South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania and the Northern Territory, or a single international flight annually).

At 31 January 2012, the Department has provided:

- 24 SES level employees, 208 Executive Level employees and 62 APS level employees with Qantas Club membership; and
- 2 SES level employees and 1 Executive Level employee with Virgin Velocity membership.

The cost per employee for airline lounge membership are:

Scheme	Joining Fee	Annual Membership Fee
Qantas Club	\$210	\$275
Virgin Velocity	\$199	\$249